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In the Dalton Journal last week, there appeared an article headed "Demoralizing," and signed "Citizen" the evident purpose of which was to show how good the writer is and how vile everyone who attended the barbecue given at the Dorrance farm by Wilcox and Littrell the week before, must be. It is dollars to doughnuts that the writer of the article does not wear larger than a 6-1-2 hat nor ever made a nickle or a friend by dispat of Christian forbearance. His narrow mind is as plainly discernable in the principal objection he voices to the entertainment, as in all the balance of the article, if such it can be called. If men who have settled among us for only two or three years are "not of our county" and therefore have no rights which they may exercise because of their short citizenship, tho they may be of great advantage to the neighboring farmers and stock men, how long will such as "citizen" decree it must be before they can indulge themselves and friends in any way they please within their own premises and under their own apple tree and not be proclaimed thru the public print as criminals by some undoubtedly irresponsible crank? And his commendable disposition to advertise his community extends to criticism and abuse of all who were present as invited guests, 90 per cent of whom we venture the assertion stand higher, and will always stand higher in the estimation of the church, the community and the business world than this parasitical ranter. In his effort to show how good his community was before such men as Wilcox and Littrell squatted there, he forgot to mention the worst bunch of all round criminals who until a few years ago, lived there that ever was endured by any community in the county for so

long. Did "Citizen" appear in public print during all that time and say "because we don't stand for such things in the first place and especially because the whole thing was instigated by men who are not of county?" It would be news to every man in that community to hear that he did. This individual who is so concerned about the good name of that community that he flies into print in the first issue of a paper that will accept such communication holds up members of the neighborhood churches, men of character and high standing and all others of whatever degree, as law-breakers, immoral and disgraceful characters, and advocates prosecution of the entire assemblage. For what, Mr. Citizen? Do you know, and refuse to vent your very righteous indignation in any other way than thru a slanderous article? Are you loth to become the prosecuting witness, preferring to seek some other Iscariot for the disagreeable job? Whoever you are sneak off to your closet and ask your maker to work you over again. He may then find something acceptable in you, whether your church and neighbors see it that way or not.

Governor Hadley has broken into print with a suggestion that the state institutions for the care of the mentally unbalanced should be named "hospitals" instead of "insane asylums," and that it should be the business of these "hospitals" to cure the insane. Now everybody but the governor knows that these institutions are called "hospitals" and that their function has been to cure the patient since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. In time this great Missouri explorer will discover what everybody else knows and will announce his findings with the blare of trumpets. He may even in a time find out that the sanitarium at Mt. Vernon was for the purpose of checking the "white plague," and that the institution is in charge of a physician. Just give his excellency time and he'll catch a glimpse of the head of the Democratic procession from a long way in the "way-back."

A Hard Working House

The Democratic House has done splendid work. It has revised the House rules, dethroned the czar, and proved that better business can be done without a speaker-boss than with. It has passed reciprocity, the wool bill, the cotton bill, the free-list bill, the direct elections, campaign publicity legislation and the Arizona-New Mexico bill. It is an excellent program, and the best thing about it is that it has proved that the house is capable of deliberating and can actually contribute something if it is given a chance. Cannonism proves to have been far more a blight than its most ardent opponents realized.

WHAT CONGRESS

HAS DONE

In this connection let us mention that Hon. W. W. Rucker played a most important part in at least three of these great measures, and was prominent in all. The judge's record has always been good, and with his experience, what he is able to accomplish in the interest of the people and the Democratic party rapidly increases. So far, decidedly the right man from the second district is in the right place.

Just now the Republican papers are busy naming the new capital commissioners. It is safe to say that there is absolutely no truth in their dope sheet. The board whose duty it is to name the four commissioners has never had a meeting for that purpose and will not until Judge Cowgill returns to Missouri. The personnel of the commission has not been decided upon and will not in advance of a regular meeting of the board called for that purpose. It is safe to assume that when the commissioners are named, they will be men of such high standing that their character will be a guarantee to the people of the state that the new capitol will be built free of graft.

However much the farmers may disagree as to the effect of reciprocity upon the price of the products he has to sell from the farm, they are unanimous as to the effect of Taft's vetoes of the farmers' free list bill, of the wool bill and of the cotton bill upon the price of what he has to buy. Reciprocity may or may not lower the price of his products, but Taft's vetoes will stiffen the price of manufactured products he must purchase in a tariff-taxed market. If they were to be given reciprocity, they were certainly entitled to the free list, wool and cotton bills. If Taft thinks he can play both ends against the farmer and still get his vote, he is liable to wake up along about November, 1912, and find that the farmers belong to the class you can't fool all the time.

The committee appointed to confer with the authorities of Bowling Green township concerning the locating of the State Highway across that twp. met the township board at Dalton last week, and very satisfactory understanding and arrangements were arrived at. Judge A. S. Taylor, Judge L. H. Herring, C. C. Parks, Hon. T. H. Carskaddon and E. W. Herring, the committee, were assured that the Bowling Green people would construct a road south of the Wabash railroad from Sullivan's corner to Dalton and from there on to a point east of Palmer's Creek. This will, in addition to improvement over the hill route by the Carskaddon farm, make a fine start for fine roads thru that township.

If Dr. Wiley's goat that should finally submit to capture, the refractory Republican ticket may read: "For President, Giff Pinchot; for Vice-President, Doc Wiley; Platform: 'Every man's goat his own and no separation from the debarring office.'"

Joe Cannon speaks of the progress of the Republican party in Illinois. Yes, there has been progress, alright, alright. From Lincoln to Lorimer is "going some" we must admit.

P. S. Some of the county officials seem to have roosted too high to get gaumed when the what is it the other boys call it? "was sloshed around the first floor of the court house last week."

Champ Clark and La Follette, who are accused by President Taft of "playing politics," may retort that it is better to play politics than to play political suicide.

The Democratic party can now do a little "pointing with pride." The record of Congress has never been surpassed for excellency in the history of the Republic.

Teachers Meeting At Keytesville, Aug., 23-24

Meeting was called to order by C. C. Carlstead, County Superintendent of Schools, Miss Grace Hines of Triplett was elected secretary and J. A. Wisdom, Rothville assistant secretary. About 60 teachers were enrolled the first day and the second day about 20 more were on hand. Several prominent visitors were present, among whom were S. B. McCully County Superintendent Randolph county, Luther Hardaway of Marceline, formerly assistant to Howard A. Gass, Ex-State Supt. public schools, and H. S. Bruce, a former Chariton county teacher and now Superintendent of a high school in Texas.

Miss Rolla Southern read an instructive paper on reading and language. The question of how to get schoolhouses and grounds improved was discussed by W. K. Thurman, R. S. Hardesty and A. C. Klee not being present. E. R. Carlstead delivered an address on the subject "Knowing How," which contained valuable suggestions to teachers.

The subject of Morals and Manners was discussed by Miss Anna Pearson, principally from the stand point of their influence on discipline.

J. W. Taylor lectured on the subject of arithmetic—how it should be taught and the vital importance of beginning right and remaining so. Under round table, miscellaneous topics of interest to teachers were discussed. County Superintendent Carlstead in a short talk, emphasized the importance of school records and reports, and urged that all teachers and officers give these duties their attention. The Public School Library, how secured and kept was the subject of an interesting essay by Mrs. Pearl Peterson, Penmanship in public schools was ably presented by Jiles H. Harlan, formerly teacher in a Business College in Hiawatha, Kas. Hon. Jno. D. Taylor addressed the teachers. Pure Drinking Water, was the subject of a paper read by Miss Edith Fetzer, which struck a sympathetic cord among all teachers. C. W. Brewer presented the question of the relation of the rural school to the high school. Discussed by J. R. Coleman, Supt. Bently of Salisbury, and C. C. Carlstead, by the latter somewhat vigorously. It was disclosed during the debate that the directors in many districts were employing teachers not qualified to teach higher branches, held by the County Superintendents to be the right of directors to have taught in the rural schools. The subject of plans for the coming year was discussed by T. P. Schooler, Lee Hocker and the County Superintendent. It was announced by the County Superintendent that Miss Edyth Price of district No. 73 had won two year free scholarship as honor 8th grade graduate from the rural schools.

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Punishment of Women Law-breakers

The sentence by a western Judge passed on a woman conducting a disorderly house, has provoked much discussion all over the country. She was fined heavily and in default of payment, was sentenced to don bloomers, shackled with ball and chain and put in the chain gang to work on the streets, the same punishment which would have been put on a man. The Chief of Police refused to carry out the order of the court and local official differences occurred. Judges, lawyers, clergymen and business men have expressed opinions on the question as to whether, because a criminal is a woman, she should be subject to the penalty of the law in such cases.

It is astonishing how divided these opinions are, tho the majority is undoubtedly in favor of hanging, drawing and quartering without benefit of clergy in the case of women malefactors the same as for men. Miss Lydia Lee, a St. Louis lawyer and daughter of our old and A No. 1 County Clerk, John A. Lee, says:

"The woman should not be treated leniently merely because of her sex."

"The law should be impersonal. If her crime merits punishment the penalty should be the same of the woman as it is for the man. Usually, however, the crime is an emotional one. The circumstances of each case, wherever the woman is concerned, are apt to make some difference in the verdict."

"There is no doubt that sentiment and emotion have helped many women to escape the just penalty of their deeds. This seems impossible to remedy."

As a matter of fact, the clergy and the women of the country seem to be largely in favor of putting the gentler sex on an equality with men in this regard as well as in business and politics. What say you?

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